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SUBJ: GATT COUNCIL DISCUSSION JULY 19 OF EC BAN ON BEEF AND
CATTLE IMPORTS

REF: STATE 156173

1. YOUR STATE 156173 WAS RECEIVED AG. ATTACHE OFFICE JULY 22, 10
A.M. HOWEVER, CONTACTS WERE ESTABLISHED WITH ASSISTANT
SECRETARY MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND SUBSTANCE REFTEL WAS
DISCUSSED. SIMILAR DISCUSSIONS WERE CONDUCTED ONCE BEFORE
WHEN BAN ON MEAT IMPORTS WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION.

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WM GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND IS COGNIZANT WITH WORLD MEAT SITUATION BUT BECAUSE IMPORTANCE OF MEAT EXPORTS TO ITS ECONOMY IT HAS PROMOTED AND SUPPORTED THE BAN ON MEAT IMPORTS. FOR SOME TIME THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND WAS RECOMMENDING SUCH A MEASURE ON MEAT IMPORTS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES. THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE EMPHASIZING HIS RECOMMENDATION TO EC COMMISSION SAID "IF THIS BAN HAD BEEN IMPOSED AT THE TIME, THE SITUATION WOULD NOT HAVE CONTINUED TO DETERIORATE DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR, AND THE BUILD-UP OF LARGE INTERVENTION STOCKS WOULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED". THE MINISTER WAS GLAD THAT THE COUNCIL HAD NOW RECOGNIZED THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION, AND BY STOPPING IMPORTS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES HAD ENSURED THAT COMMUNITY BEEF WOULD HAVE THE PREFERENCE TO WHICH IT WAS ENTITLED.

3. THE IRISH FARMERS ASSOCIATION INFLUENCES GOVERNMENT POLICIES REGARDING MARKETING PRODUCTION AND PRICING OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES. MORE THAN ANY MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY THE IRISH GOVERNMENT WAS STRONGLY IN SUPPORT OF BAN ON MEAT IMPORTS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES. WHEN THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY WAS TOLD ABOUT U.S. CONCERN ABOUT THE BAN ON MEAT IMPORTS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES AND ITS INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS TO THE TRADE IN GENERAL, THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE REMARKED "WE HAVE TO WORK FOR THE INTEREST OF OUR FARMERS AND FOR OUR COUNTRY BEFORE WE CONSIDER ANY IMPLICATIONS TO OTHER COUNTRIES." IT APPEARS THAT IRELAND IS STEADFAST IN ITS DECISION AND NOTHING COULD INFLUENCE IT.
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